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OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN

January 22, 1936

Mr. Sidney P. Noe, Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 155th Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe:

Dr. Moser of our faculty has talked with me at various times concerning the possibility of an exhibition of coins to be displayed here in our University Library. I understand he has written you on the subject and he thinks letters have been written to me in regard to the matter. If so, they have failed to reach me. Personally I would like very much to see such an exhibit and if you have one which is sent out through the country and arrangements can be made to have it here for a short period, I should be very glad to cooperate in the matter, provided the expense is not too great for us. I should wish to know the amount of space and the degree of protection required as well as the transportation costs, etc. and shall be pleased to hear from you in regard to these matters.

Very truly yours,

Mary E. Baker
Librarian.

MEB:RW

January 25, 1936.

Miss Mary E. Baker
Librarian
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee.

Dear Miss Baker:

Your letter of January 22nd arrived before I had taken care of a memorandum to write you which was among the unfinished work on my desk. The collection concerning which you write is at present in Buffalo. I shall refer your letter to our Curator, Mr. Wood, and ask him to communicate with you stating when it will be free and answering the questions which you raise. This will then clear the way for your expressing a preference for such dates as it is possible for him to submit to you.

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

Secretary

February 1, 1936.

Library
The University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tenn.

Gentlemen: Attention: Miss M. E. Baker

The other day Mr. Noe turned over to me your letter concerning our traveling exhibit of coins. We have an exhibition of 360 coins arranged by centuries, 36 rows of 10 coins each, with main labels, century labels and individual labels. Each coin is in a separate envelope numbered and marked, the whole including labels packed in a small box with instructions and photographs as to how to lay out. The coins are now on exhibition but we expect them back any day and can send them to you whenever you wish. They should be insured for \$2500.00 - you to pay the expressage both ways.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN

February 14, 1936

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway Between 155th and 156th Streets,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I thank you for your letter of February 1st which has been held pending decision as to how the loan can be financed. It has been agreed that the University Treasurer will take care of the insurance and that the University Library will be responsible for transportation and will display the exhibit in the University Library building. We shall be glad to receive it next week if possible, if not, we shall wait until April 1st. Examinations which are held at the close of the winter quarter would interfere with the value of the exhibit to us from about March 10th on and we would like to have it as long as two weeks. If not convenient to send it next week, we shall hope to hear from you in regard to April 1st. May I, if the exhibit is not to be sent us until April, know something about the amount of space required?

Very truly yours,

Mary E Baker
Librarian.

MEB:RW

February 17, 1936.

Library of the University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee.

Gentlemen: Attention: Mary E. Baker

In reply to your letter of February 14th we are sending you today our traveling exhibit of coins by express collect, which we desire to have insured for \$2500.00. You may keep it through March and if you wish through April unless we let you know in advance we desire it returned. At the time we made up this exhibit our insurance was for \$1500.00 but this was too low. Therefore the value of each coin should be marked up two-fifths.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF LATIN AND ROMAN ARCHAEOLOGY
KNOXVILLE

21 March 1936

Mr. Sydney P. Noe
American Numismatic Society
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Noe:

There seems always to be something to interfere with many of the things I want to do, but I have finally reached a point where I can acknowledge the exhibit of coins. The coins arrived in good shape, so far as I know, and to me fell the enjoyable duty of arranging the exhibit. I believe that Miss Baker, the Librarian, had expected a larger number of coins according to her earlier information but the 240 or 260 which were in the box turned out to be the correct number for us. I had scouted around and found a nice show-case tucked away in one of the store-rooms, even the University seemed to have forgotten that it had such equipment. After the case had been cleaned and dressed up properly I discovered that the number of coins fit the case exactly. If there had been another row of coins we would have been compelled to omit it. The case is under continual supervision in the main hall of the Library on week-days and in our Audigier Art Collection in the same building on Sundays. So it works seven days a week, has caused much favorable comment, and has been viewed and studied by hundreds of students in the University as well as by some of the local High School people. We feel that the exhibit has been a success and that many people have some idea of the form, size, and design of the coins of earlier countries and rulers. Thank you very much for making it possible for us to have the exhibit.

Postumus still sleeps quietly but I still have hopes that he will some day be resurrected with a loud noise. I also hope to be in New York for a week or two this coming summer but that is somewhat indefinite.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur H. Moser